

so we must secure agents who will carry the book to the members and show it to them. I'm aware that all will not take it, neither will all our own members. Some "have too many books" already—mostly Patent office reports—others have Brumbaugh's History, and conclude they know it all already. I'm very anxious to have active agents in a few thickly settled, intelligent German Baptist communities to introduce the book, in order to test my good opinion of the average Tunker. I will give such agents a splendid opportunity to make money and would solicit inquiry for particulars.

My sympathies have been touched by the frequent appeals for help in the various interests of the brotherhood, and I long to contribute to each and all of them, if only I had the means to do so. And I might give my mite but for the debt incurred in the publication of the History of the Tunkers. But I'll tell you what I can and will do:

I'll give the proceeds of the first books sold in response to this proposition, to the following auxiliaries to the Brethren church:

To the General Missionary Committee, one book either style binding.

To the Chicago church Building Fund, one book either style binding.

To the Chicago Mission, one book either style binding.

To the Washington City Mission, one book either style binding.

To the Dayton City Mission, one book either style binding.

To the Ashland College Theological Fund, one book either style binding.

To the Ashland College Insurance Fund, one book either style binding.

To the saving of the suffering of India, two books either style binding.

For every book sold in addition to the one donated I will give one dollar to the cause in the interest of which it was purchased.

Books will be sent free:—either by express or mail, on receipt of retail price; \$3.00 for cloth binding, or \$3.50 for full sheep. Be careful to designate to which purpose you wish to have your book credited and whether to send by mail or express, and in case of the latter fail not to give the county also. Lately I had an order to be sent to Middletown, Ohio. By reference to the State Directory it was discovered that there are just ten Middletowns in the State of Ohio, all in different counties, but only one postoffice of the same name.

My health is some better just now, inspiring hope for continued improvement. Only I cannot speak when awake, but I dreamed last night I had preached with great power, and had prayed with unusual freedom. Perhaps my voice is returning to me. If I ever regain my speech, I'll be heard from, unless I should become too full for utterance.

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GOING TO CONFERENCE

SAMUEL LIGHTY.

It is none too early to begin urging our people to attend the next blessed National Convocation of the workers in our church. People are beginning to think of their summer outings, hence now is the time to convince them that they should attend Conference.

Thousands will take a trip somewhere this summer, and we want to assure brethren and sisters in all seriousness "the Lord hath need of you" at Winona. A more beautiful summer resort cannot be found in the wide world than Winona Park and Lake. Then why not make this your Mecca and at the same time give much needed service to the Master. The church needs every one of its humblest members very much, but in a greater degree does our beloved brotherhood need to have the attendance at least doubled.

There is where plans are laid for Christian education and the better equipment of the ministry; efforts put forth to improve our church paper and religious literature; enthusiasm is created for missions, the extension of God's kingdom and carrying the gospel to all creatures. Are you willing to wander thru this earth aimlessly, selfishly perhaps, and then have the great judge say that you purposely absented yourself from places where he needed you most.

I would not censure people who go to Annual meeting or elsewhere; but if members have time to visit such places and not their own Conference, I must be allowed to doubt their loyalty to their own church.

Just try it and you will agree that it more than pays for all the outlay, to have an opportunity to spend a few days with the wide-awake faculty and students of our college; the brethren and sisters who give us fresh reading matter once a week; the missionaries who are establishing churches in neglected places, and those who lead in woman's work, young peoples' societies and other lines of church activities.

Seven hundred miles is some distance but still I think a goodly number will go from here. Ten went from this church a year ago. That number will increase this year. From this district we expect at least a car load. I have letters now from some in Kansas, Missouri and this state who desire to join our excursion. The plan is for all to meet at a given time at St. Joseph, Mo. and then all go together in a special car. Our car may pass thru Waterloo, Ia. so as to give a chance to stop and visit returning; or it may pass thru Lanark, Ill. Should there be two car loads, one might pass thru Illinois, and one thru Iowa. At Chicago we might all stop a day going home and have an all day jubilee in our new church there. Will some one in each of these states and Colorado please make a canvass in their vicinity, and write me how many will go, so I can secure the lowest possible railroad rates. Any one in this district who reads this, is the one to act. There is no time to lose if we want

a good understanding all around, and the more we can induce to go, the lower will be the rates. We will take our Bibles and hymn books along and have such a pleasant time, it will be remembered as long as we live. Let us pray for God's blessing on next Conference, and let us also work and do our duty toward it.

NEW YORK NOTES

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Our snow banks didn't last long, but a blizzard here is certainly on a par at least with any I ever saw "out west," as long as it does last.

Traffic was paralyzed for a long time. The poor horses were to be pitied as they dragged the heavy wagons thru the drifted streets. The difference between a snow storm here and in the country is that there are no fences to be taken down here and no fields to go thru and thus avoid the drifts. Then in consequence of that, the street-cleaning department has a job on hands which is not very much short of Herculean. In fact the fabled task of Hercules to clean the Augean stables is a boy's trifle compared with the task of cleaning the streets of New York after a snow storm. To show what an enormous task it is, I insert here a short clipping from a newspaper interview with the head of the street-cleaning department just after the first bad storm:

"Now there it is. We are doing the best we can, but we can't do impossibilities. Today's storm is not bothering us so far as the snowfall is concerned, but to-night all the men have quit. And in such a rainfall as this I don't know that I blame them. Up to 3 o'clock this morning we carted away 269,401 loads independent of that disposed of by the railroad companies. The latter got rid of nearly 50,000 loads. Each of the city loads costs the city 55 1/8 cents, and we are extending the schedule in Manhattan and the Bronx from 170 to 250 miles. We have cleaned 130 miles so far.

"Between 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock this morning we disposed of 21,000 loads and between 6 o'clock this morning and 6 o'clock to-night the reports show that 56,771 loads were carted away, making 347,172 loads since Monday, exclusive of the work done by the railroad companies and by the department at street intersections."

Then this was simply the beginning. Speaking of the streets, I have noticed the contrast between the condition of the streets here and those in Chicago. Brother Cassel is about right concerning Chicago streets. Here they are fine.

DOWN ON THE BOWERY

We have had our first glimpse at the inside of the Bowery. Perhaps it will be of interest to say that the Bowery is the name of a street running north and south-down in the lower and older part of the city. It is so named because in the early days of New